

RESOLUTION 10-08

SOURCE: National Headquarters, AR, NJ, NY MD, PA, NM, IA, IL, TN, WA, CA, KY, MA, VA, OH, WI

SUBJECT: Increase Veterans Burial Benefits

WHEREAS, there have been serious erosion in the value of the burial allowance over the years; and

WHEREAS, while these benefits were never intended to cover the full costs of burial, they now pay for only a small fraction of what they covered in 1973 when the federal government first started paying burial benefits: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that AMVETS support legislation to increase burial allowance benefits from \$2,000 to \$6,160 for service-connected veterans who live outside the 75 mile radius threshold, and increase burial allowance benefits from \$2,000 to \$2,793 for service-connected veterans who live inside the 75 mile radius threshold; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS supports legislation to increase burial allowance benefits from \$300 to \$1,918 for non-service-connected veterans who live outside the 75 mile radius threshold and increase burial allowance benefits from \$300 to \$854 for non-service-connected veterans who live within the 75 mile radius threshold; and be it further

RESOLVED, That AMVETS support legislation to increase the plot allowance from \$300 to \$1,150, and expand the eligibility for the plot allowance to all veterans who would be eligible for burial in a national cemetery, not just those who served during wartime.